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Supply of water to Kondangi tank from the Tiruvathi anicut in South Arcot.

* 478 *Q.*—Sri S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the water from the Tiruvathi anicut was let open to Kondangi tank in South Arcot district in the month of February 1953:

(*b*) for how many days the water was let down:

(*c*) whether the ryots of the Tiruvathi anicut area were previously intimated; and

(*d*) whether it was done after meeting their needs?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Three days.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) Yes."

Sri S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the fact that this kind of taking away water from one tank to another clearly shows the partial ways of administration in the districts and also in view of the fact that thousands of acres of crops suffered on account of this, will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works give us an assurance that this sort of a thing will not happen in future, Sir? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, I do not know what the hon. Member means. No crops have suffered on account of this diversion of water."

Sri S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, though previous information was not given to the ryots, the Hon. Minister has stated that the ryots were informed previously and I would request the Hon. Minister to see that this sort of diversion of water from one tank to another does not take place in future without previous intimation from the Collector to the ryots? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, I think that in the present case the ryots were also present when this question was discussed by the Collector."

Allowances paid for village munsifs for attending the jamabandi.

* 479 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of remuneration paid towards travelling allowance and batta for a village munsif for attending the jamabandis held by Revenue officials;

(*b*) the approximate annual total expenditure incurred by the Government on this account; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to stop this payment in order to augment their revenue?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) From 1st April 1949, Village Munsifs (in ryotwari and proprietary areas) of villages lying beyond a radius of five miles from the jamabandi camp are being granted a jamabandi allowance of Re. 1 each for one day only.

" (*b*) The total expenditure incurred during the year 1951–52 on account of payment of Fixed Travelling Allowance and Jamabandi allowances to the village officers in ryotwari and proprietary areas amounted to Rs. 3,45,483. Information regarding the amount paid to village munsifs alone is not readily available. This information has to be gathered and compiled for each district. The work will involve considerable time and labour in several offices and will not be commensurate with the purpose served.

" (*c*) There are no such proposals at present under consideration of this Government."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that mamools are being paid to the Jamabandi staff by the village officers and I wish to know what steps the Hon. Minister for Revenue has taken to prevent corruption among the Jamabandi staff? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question has nothing to do with corruption among the Jamabandi staff. The hon. Member can give notice of a separate question."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government are convinced that these allowances are sufficient for meeting the legitimate expenses incurred by these village officials and, if not, will the Government consider paying them sufficient allowances to cover their expenditure?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the Government are meeting the expenses half-way."

Minimum wages for agricultural labour.

* 480 *Q*.—SRI P. SHYAM SUNDAR RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) on what basis the Government propose to fix the minimum wage for agricultural labour ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received representations and memoranda from the interested associations?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) On the basis of a provisional Schedule of rates of wages drawn up after a survey of the low wage pocket areas of the State.

" (*b*) The provisional schedule was published for suggestions or objections from persons interested. Representations or memoranda have since been received by the Government and are being examined."